

ELNORA SHUMAN.

JANUARY 26, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. POOLE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10085.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10085) for the relief of Elnora Shuman, widow of John Shuman, deceased, and foster mother of W. E. Shuman and James F. Shuman, both deceased, submit the following report:

The claimant asks to be placed on the pension roll at \$12 per month. Her case is a sad one and her cause meritorious, the history of which shall be briefly recited.

John Shuman was father of James F. Shuman, of Company D, Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry Volunteers, and W. E. Shuman, late of Company H, One hundred and seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry Volunteers, both of whom served in the Army during the war of the rebellion. W. E. Shuman died from the effect of wounds received in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., and James F. Shuman was killed at Gettys Station, Va., April 25, 1864.

John Shuman was dependent on said sons at time of their enlistment and death and drew a father's pension (certificate 230091). He died June 22, 1895, left surviving him a widow (Elnora Shuman), who married him March 2, 1848. She is stepmother of James F. Shuman, and was to all intents and purposes a mother to him from the time he was 12 years old up to the time he was killed. She was also stepmother to W. E. Shuman, another son of John Shuman, from the time he was 8 years old until he died from the wound received at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863. She was in all respects (excepting birth) a mother to these two boys killed.

John Shuman and Elnora Shuman, father and stepmother, were dependent on these boys until they were killed, and after their death they lived on pension granted John Shuman. Mrs. Shuman is now without any property whatever.

The proof shows that Elnora Shuman had a paralytic stroke, which has rendered her helpless; that she needs constant care of an attendant; that she is now 74 years of age.

The bill will continue to her the same pension granted her husband. Your committee believe that this is a proper case in which to grant a pension, and report back the bill recommending its passage, with an amendment striking out the clause, in lines 10 and 11, "both killed in service during the late war;" also amending title so as to read "A bill for the relief of Elnora Shuman."